



## Antisemitism

CCJ, the Council of Christians and Jews, is utterly and completely opposed to **all forms** of antisemitism.

**Antisemitism** is defined as actions or attitudes that are discriminatory, hostile or prejudicial to Jews. Antisemitism is a failure to see a shared common humanity in Jewish people.

**Antisemitism** is a profound global problem manifesting itself in verbal and physical violence against Jewish people and their property. It also remains present in casual discourse and incidents of prejudice and discrimination.

CCJ acknowledges that over the centuries the Christian Church has at times been responsible for promoting negative perceptions of Jews and Judaism (anti-Judaism), even perpetuating acts of violence. Sadly these negative perceptions persist in parts of the Christian Church today.

Criticism of the Government of Israel is not necessarily antisemitic. However there is a tendency to use anti Israel statements (anti-Zionist) to mask antisemitic attitudes.

Since 1942 CCJ has, through its work nationally and locally, addressed antisemitism. We continue this work by:

- Condemning antisemitism firmly and repeatedly.
- Challenging misunderstanding and ignorance in today's society and in the media.
- Continuing to educate in schools, campuses, theological colleges and churches.
- Promoting understanding and respect.
- Building bridges among Faith communities.
- Encouraging dialogue and friendship.